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JAPAN.

Status of plague in Osaka, Sakai, and Shidzuoka.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *June 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that, since June 19, the date of my last report, cases of plague in Japan proper have been returned as follows: June 21, at Shidzuoka, 1; June 24, at Osaka, 2; June 27, at Osaka, 1; and, to day, at Sakai, in the neighborhood of Osaka, 1.

In the Western Ward of Osaka, where the disease has been since its first outbreak in that city most prevalent, there were no cases from June 6 to June 21, and, altogether, the campaign against the epidemic is being conducted with a remarkable degree of success.

I reported, under date of June 15, the occurrence of a case of plague upon the steamship *Rosetta*, in the harbor of Yokohama, and that the patient, while suffering from the as yet undetected disease, had freely communicated with the shore. I am glad to report that, notwithstanding, no further case has appeared either in Yokohama or on board the *Rosetta* which duly served ten days in quarantine.

House-to-house inspection is regularly carried out in this city at present, and, in addition, all business establishments, employing more than 20 hands, are compelled to employ a physician who inspects at regular intervals.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended July 14.

Deaths from yellow fever, 7; from smallpox, 3. Cases of yellow fever, 14; smallpox, 11. Deaths from all causes, 39. The shipping continues free from infection, and the passenger traffic for United States ports has decreased considerably during the past month. The disinfection of baggage continues under the supervision of the Mexican authorities, and it is efficiently done. During the week I have inspected 7 vessels, and given health certificates to 167 passengers. I inclose a newspaper clipping in regard to the treatment of yellow fever by a serum by Dr. Bellinzaghi. The patient mentioned in the article made a complete and speedy recovery, and the doctor is now in Vera Cruz for further experiments, but is handicapped by lack of material. The first patient was injected this morning, at the Hospital San Sebastian.

Respectfully,

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